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Town of Trappe Commissioners Reorganize

Following the May elections, the Town Commissioners reorganized as required by our town charter. Don English was elected Council President, Cheryl Lewis will be Vice President, and Edgar Harrison was appointed to the Planning Commission. Don English will continue to perform his duties as Zoning Administrator. All Commissioners also hold assigned chairs on various committees.

Public Hearing

Several factors have prompted the Commissioners to take a look at an extended Building Moratorium. The sewer treatment plant is due to go into service in Feb/March 2002, the delicate balance of our current infrastructure and the town's subdivision regulations have not been updated since 1974 and will need to be brought up to date. The intent is to assure that the current citizens are protected, the financial health of the town is considered, and that the new treatment plant operates as designed, before new growth occurs.

This ordinance will be presented at a public hearing on August 1 at 7pm. This ordinance is not intended as a long term, anti-growth measure but only to give the Planning Commission time to prepare. Growth is not an option, it is coming. The area surrounding Trappe has been designated a growth area by the State and the County. The Town of Trappe needs a little more time to prepare. Infrastructure, the Comprehensive Plan and Village Overlay Zone have consumed much of the volunteer council's available time lately, but they hope to have regulations in place in the near future.



Village Overlay Zone

The Planning Commission has completed its work on the Village Overlay Zone. Their recommendations have been given to the Town Council for action. This legislation is intended to help protect the old town's character without inflicting a historical zone on the residents. The Commission is now free to conduct a short review of the Comprehensive plan, adopted in 1998, and work on a more complete updating of the Subdivision Regulations. They will also need to give some attention to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning for the area being annexed needs to be confirmed. For a volunteer board these people work very hard and no one should be surprised if it takes time to accomplish change.



Street Paving

The street-paving subcontractor will be in town making some spot corrections. This is not a new project. Other than the sidewalk on North Main Street there are no plans for major street resurfacing for the next two years.

Darling leaving - Adams appointed

Regretfully, Dick Darling has submitted his resignation. This was for personal reasons and came earlier than expected. He will be missed, not only on the Town Commission, but by everyone who is accustomed to seeing his smiling face.

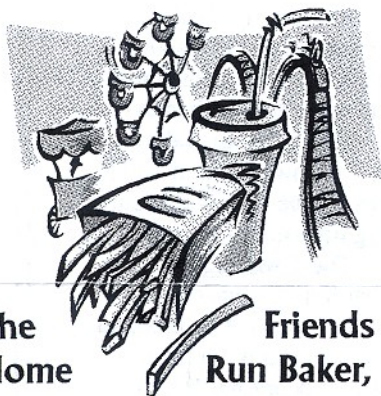
The Town charter provides that if a vacancy occurs within ninety days of an election the candidate receiving the next highest vote count will be appointed to the seat. Accordingly President English and the Council have appointed Danny Adams as Commissioner to fill the 3 year 10 month balance of Mr. Darling's term.

Our best wishes and thanks go out to Dick and our congratulations and welcome are extended to Danny.



WATER METERS

The Water distribution system is completed. The final punch list items have been or soon will be completed. The water meters have been installed, tested, and are in service. The Water bill you just received will be the last one with the standard fee. The meter reading on this bill represents the starting point for the end of July billing. Please read the notices, usage numbers, and rate table so you will not be surprised in early August. The per gallon rates are scaled to provide a constant yield revenue to the town for its system operation. For every dollar one household saves, a household with higher usage will pay more. The cost is based on usage and the average household should see little change.



The Home Friends of Run Baker, Inc. will be hosting a Carnival at the Old Trappe Ball Park on Main Street July 25th, 26th, 27th & 28th. The proceeds from this event will benefit the new Home Run Baker Park!!

Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy the fun, rides, booths, food, prizes and entertainment. There will be something for everyone.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Construction at the Wastewater Treatment plant continues on schedule. Despite rain, change orders, and delivery of wrong materials the contractor is keeping to the timetable. Compromises have been made to keep costs within available funding, but the facility is expected to perform as intended. The most troubling cutback has been repairs needed at the old pumping stations and in the collection system. Deterioration of these is allowing rainwater infiltration. At present this inflow of water consumes much of the systems capacity to accept new growth. The Commissioners are evaluating alternative solutions to this problem. Residents in Murray's Grove, Hennissee Hts, and North Main Street have been subjected to occasional unpleasant odors. This will continue on and off for the balance of the construction period due to one third of the plant being off line for construction. Everything possible will be done to keep this problem to a minimum.



Wednesday July 25th
Carnival 5pm till 10pm
Opening Day Parade & Ceremony

Starts at 7pm at the south end of Main Street and will travel past



Friday July 27th
Carnival 10am till 10pm

Youth Day
Events scheduled for children during the day.
Kid Comic Face Painting



Thursday July 26th
5pm till 10pm
Live Music



Saturday July 28th
10am till 10pm



Home Run Baker Park Day